

Minutes of the Public Works Committee October 13, 2011

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pauline Jaske, Pamela Meyer, Tom Schellinger, Daniel Draeger, Peter Gundrum.

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Senior Civil Engineer Leif Hauge, Park System Manager Duane Grimm, Parks Supervisor Robert Garity, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels.

Approve Minutes of September 15, 2011

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Draeger, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2011.
Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- Letter to Jim Dwyer from Mark Chapman regarding the widening and paving of the Bugline Trail.
- Invitation from the Sheriff's Department to a demonstration of the new "Bearcat" armored vehicle on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Bid: Minooka Park Pond Dredging (PLU11-05)

Grimm provided background information on the need for this project. In addition to dredging the pond, the project specifications include improvements to the drainage swale coming from the beach parking lot. Tall grass plantings in a section of sand surrounding the pond will discourage geese from congregating on the sandy beach in the designated swimming area. Grimm recommended Western Contractors, Inc. the apparent low bidder for the project.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Jaske, to approve the bid the Western Contractors, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$28,300.

Kolb arrived at 8:38 a.m. Swan provided Kolb a recap of the bid discussion.

Draeger asked about the County's past history in working with Western Contractors Inc. Hauge explained the owner, John Spitz, also owns Ironwood golf course. Parks and Land Use staff have indicated that he has done work for the County previously and has satisfactory track record.

Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Bid: Expo Forum Roof Repair (PLU11-07)

Grimm stated that Langer Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. submitted the apparent low bid of \$40,380. The County's consultant, Lou Juhlmann of Roofing Consultants Ltd., has recommended Langer as being a competent and well-established contractor. The project addresses water leakage into the Forum building in the area between the east and south halls (where vendors set up), and the east entryway.

Schellinger asked if the County uses a consultant on every roofing project. Grimm replied that County staff are not roofing experts. The County has worked with Lou Juhlmann before with great success. He is very experienced in defining where roof leakage originates and creating good specifications that contractors must follow. Juhlmann was involved in the Retzer and Expo Center – Arena roofing projects.

Jaske asked about the consultant's fees. Grimm stated the consultant fees are taken out of the general fund. Hauge estimated the consultant costs at about \$1,000 (or less) to oversee the project and about \$3,000 for engineering.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Kolb, to approve the bid by Langer Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. for the base bid amount of \$40,380. Motion carried 7-0.

Project Update: Retzer Study Pond Reconstruction (PLU 10RG2)

Garity gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Retzer Nature Center study pond, including photographs documenting the various phases of the reconstruction project.

To address the committee's initial concerns about the wide discrepancy between bids at the time of approval, Garity assured that the contractor performed the work as required and the project was completed successfully.

Presentation on Waukesha County's Sustainability Work

Shaver gave a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the progress of Waukesha County's sustainability efforts, beginning with the development of a comprehensive sustainability plan in 2008. The plan focuses on five key areas including building design and operation, grounds and site management, land use and environment, purchasing, and transportation. The updated 2010-2014 plan is based on return on investment (ROI) decisions. Energy saving projects initiated under the sustainability plan were highlighted, including:

- HVAC and lighting upgrades in the ice arenas
- Roadway lighting upgrades including LED signal heads and LED luminaries (street lights)
- Interior lighting - motion detectors installed in various facilities
- Law Enforcement Center and Exposition Center light fixture upgrades
- Exterior lighting – LED replacement of parking lot lights at Expo Center – other government campus parking lot lighting will be done by year end, mostly funded through the Energy Efficiency Block Grant
- Heating systems upgrades – Courthouse chiller replacement and Northview, Juvenile Center, and Courthouse boiler replacements
- Geothermal installation at Retzer Nature Center.
- Highway substation upgrades - lighting and HVAC controls
- Solar hot water in the County Jail
- Law Enforcement Center – water-condensing units replaced with air-cooled units saving water consumption
- Plumbing upgrades, including installation of low-flow toilets and ozone generator washing machines in the Jail and Huber facility.
- Roundabouts – less costly to maintain and 20% fewer accidents
- Bioswales to eliminate or minimize storm water retention basins
- Stormwater reduction initiatives, rain gardens, naturalized areas
- Snow control – anti icing prior to storms, application of pre-wet salt brine
- Traffic signal interconnect – reduces vehicle delay and related emissions on high traffic corridors

The Committee agreed that more should be done to promote County's sustainability accomplishments and make the public aware of the cost savings achieved.

Chair's Executive Committee Report of October 3, 2011

Swan reviewed agenda items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of October 3, 2011, which included review of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Waukesha County Federated Library System, UW Cooperative Extension and Non-Departmental 2012 budgets.

Future Meeting Date

- November 10, 2011

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Draeger, to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline T. Jaske
Secretary